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# THE VISION<sup>TM</sup> AND THE Scarlet Witch<sup>TM</sup>





He's a synthetic man! She's a mutant sorceress! Once they were outcasts, but now they have each other, and a love which can withstand every danger they face!

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PRESENTS:

# VISION and the Scarlet Witch

COLD AND QUIET LIES THE LUNAR  
LANDSCAPE, 'ROUND THE LEGENDARY  
CITY OF ATTILAN!

SAD AND SILENT ARE THE BEINGS WHO  
LIVE THERE-- THE STRANGE, SEPARATE  
RACE OF HUMANITY WHICH AEONS  
AGONE BECAME-- INHUMAN!

FOR CRYSTAL OF THE ROYAL  
FAMILY HAS LAIN FOUR WEEKS  
ON THE PRECIPICE OF DEATH--  
LAIN SO COLD AND QUIET...!

## SPRING FEVER



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NO DAY HAS PASSED WITHOUT THE ATTENDANCE OF CRYSTAL'S HUSBAND PIETRO, THE MUTANT EX-AVENGER CALLED QUICKSILVER--

--OR THEIR DAUGHTER LUNA--

--OR CRYSTAL'S SISTER MEDUSA, QUEEN OF THE INHUMANS--

--OR THE KING, THE ALWAYS-SILENT BLACK BOLT!



AND AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK PIETRO'S SISTER WANDA, THE SCARLET WITCH, HAS FLOWN TO THE MOON FROM THE EARTH WITH HER HUSBAND, THE VISION!

BUT NOTHING HAS CHANGED CRYSTAL'S UNNERVING STATE...

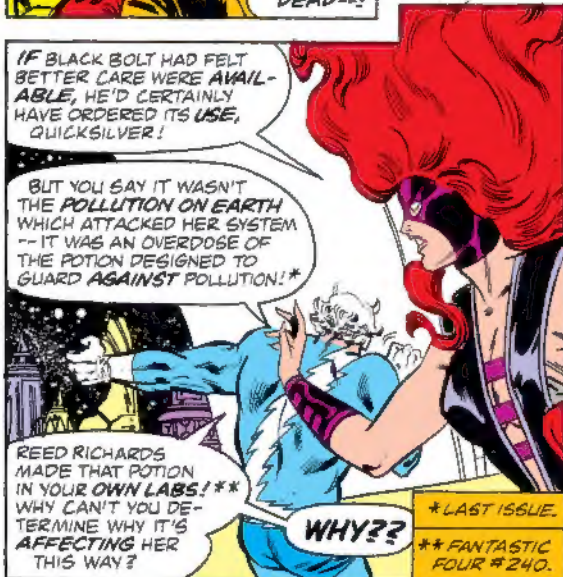
NEITHER ALIVE NOR DEAD--!



YOU INCOMPETENT FOOL! THAT'S ALL YOU'VE SAID FOR A MONTH!

INHUMANS CAN ENGINEER THEIR OWN GENES-- BECOME ANYTHING THEY WANT! WHY CAN'T YOU MAKE HER COME TO LIFE?

IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO REPLACE ME AT ANY TIME, QUICKSILVER!



IF BLACK BOLT HAD FELT BETTER CARE WERE AVAILABLE, HE'D CERTAINLY HAVE ORDERED ITS USE, QUICKSILVER!

BUT YOU SAY IT WASN'T THE POLLUTION ON EARTH WHICH ATTACKED HER SYSTEM -- IT WAS AN OVERDOSE OF THE POTION DESIGNED TO GUARD AGAINST POLLUTION!\*

REED RICHARDS MADE THAT POTION IN YOUR OWN LABS!\*\* WHY CAN'T YOU DETERMINE WHY IT'S AFFECTING HER THIS WAY?

WHY??

\* LAST ISSUE.  
\*\* FANTASTIC FOUR #240.



THE INHUMANS AREN'T GODS, PIETRO! BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL GET THE ANSWER IN THE END!

AND WE'VE BROUGHT NORM WEBSTER WITH US THIS TIME -- THE MAN WHO FOUND HER ON EARTH!

MAYBE IF WE HEAR HIS ACCOUNT AGAIN, WE MIGHT FIND A CLUE WE MISSED BEFORE!



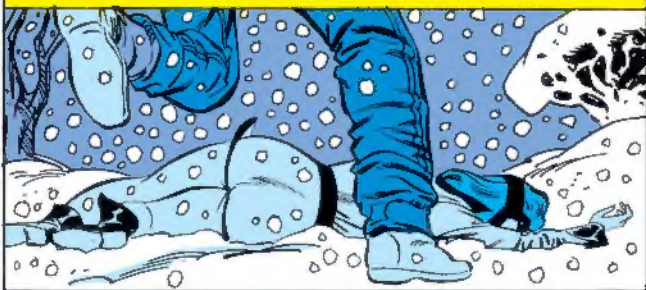
I KNOW, MR WEBSTER-- A CITY ON THE MOON IS DISCONCERTING TO A NORMAL MAN SUCH AS YOURSELF-- BUT PLEASE, DO NOT BE NERVOUS!



N-NO! YOUR HIGHNESS!

I'LL TELL YOU-- EVERYTHING I CAN! I WANT TO HELP YOUR SISTER!

"BUT AS I TOLD VIZ AND WANDA WHEN THEY GOT BACK FROM MARDIS GRAS, I WAS JUST OUT FOR A WALK WHEN I FOUND HER NEAR THEIR HOUSE!"



"THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE AROUND! I GUESS SHE WAS COMING TO VISIT THEM, NOT KNOWING THEY WEREN'T HOME!"



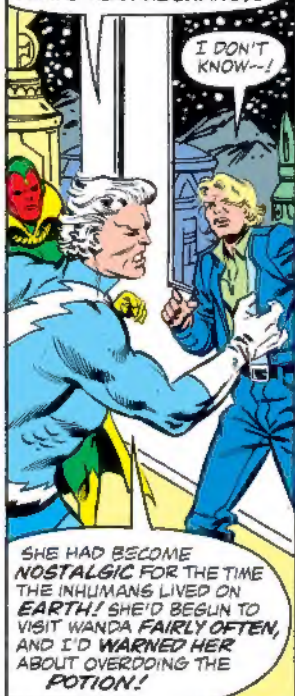
"I CARRIED HER TO DR. SHICKEL-- WHO WAS EVEN MORE BAFLEDLED THAN YOU, SINCE NEITHER OF US KNEW ABOUT THIS ANTI-POLLUTION POTION OF HERS!"

AS SOON AS VIZ AND WANDA GOT BACK, THEY BROUGHT HER UP HERE--



--AND THAT'S ALL I KNOW!

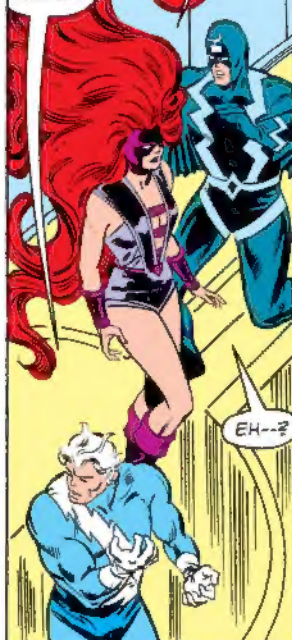
BUT SHE DID KNOW MY SISTER WAS NOT IN LEONIA! SHE AND I HAD DISCUSSED THE WISDOM OF WANDA TRAVELING DURING HER PREGNANCY!



I DON'T KNOW--!

SHE HAD BECOME NOSTALGIC FOR THE TIME THE INHUMANS LIVED ON EARTH! SHE'D BEGUN TO VISIT WANDA FAIRLY OFTEN, AND I'D WARNED HER ABOUT OVERDOING THE POTION!

SO WHY WOULD SHE RISK HER LIFE IF WANDA WASN'T HOME?



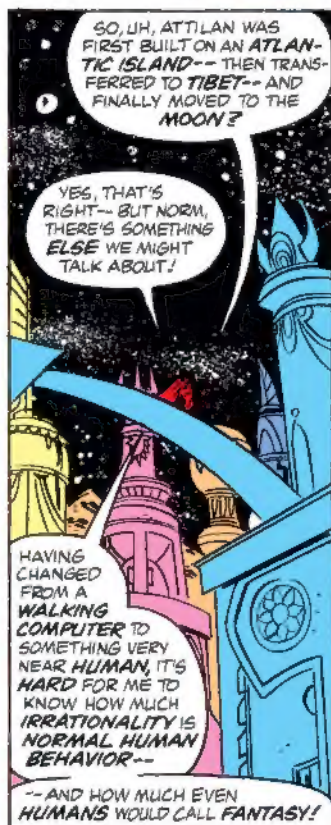
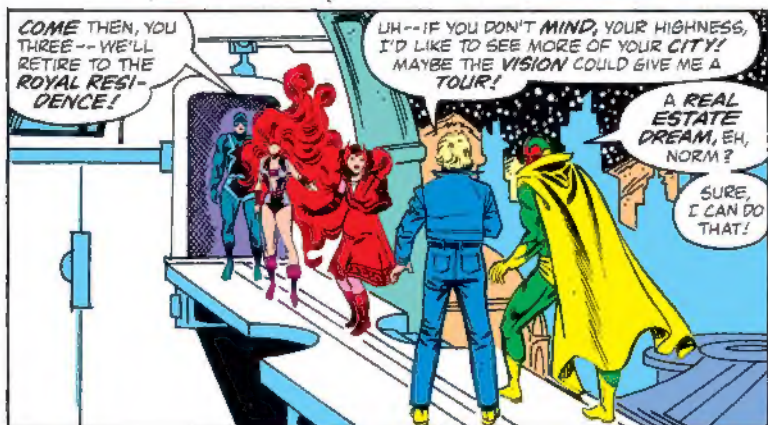
CRYSTAL WAS ALWAYS CAPRICIOUS, PIETRO!

EH--?

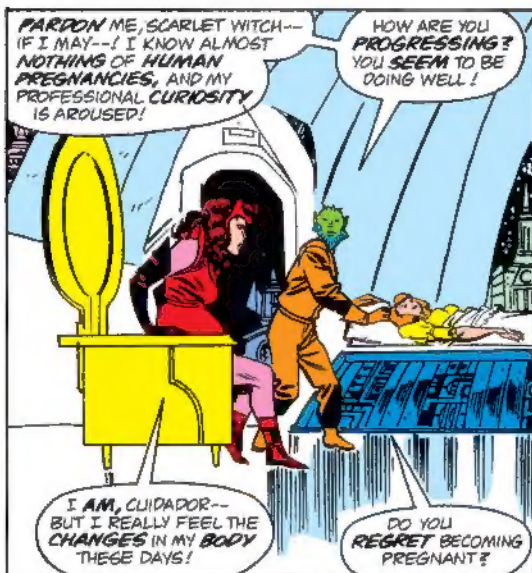
BUT BLACK BOLT BELIEVES THAT THERE IS MORE TO HER BEHAVIOR THAN THAT!









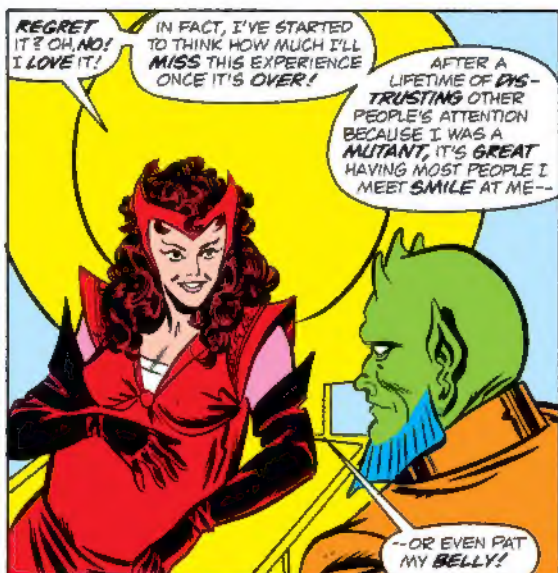


PARDON ME, SCARLET WITCH-- IF I MAY-- I KNOW ALMOST NOTHING OF HUMAN PREGNANCIES, AND MY PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY IS AROUSED!

HOW ARE YOU PROGRESSING? YOU SEEM TO BE DOING WELL!

I AM, CLUIDADOR-- BUT I REALLY FEEL THE CHANGES IN MY BODY THESE DAYS!

DO YOU REGRET BECOMING PREGNANT?

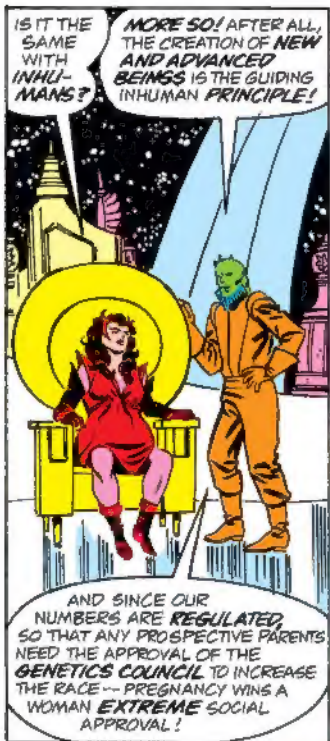


REGRET IT? OH, NO! I LOVE IT!

IN FACT, I'VE STARTED TO THINK HOW MUCH I'LL MISS THIS EXPERIENCE ONCE IT'S OVER!

AFTER A LIFETIME OF DIS-TRUSTING OTHER PEOPLE'S ATTENTION BECAUSE I WAS A MUTANT, IT'S GREAT HAVING MOST PEOPLE I MEET SMILE AT ME--

--OR EVEN PAT MY BELLY!



IS IT THE SAME WITH INHUMAN-MAINS?

MORE SO! AFTER ALL, THE CREATION OF NEW AND ADVANCED BEINGS IS THE GUIDING INHUMAN PRINCIPLE!

AND SINCE OUR NUMBERS ARE REGULATED, SO THAT ANY PROSPECTIVE PARENTS NEED THE APPROVAL OF THE GENETICS COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE RACE-- PREGNANCY WINS A WOMAN EXTREME SOCIAL APPROVAL!



AND WHAT ARE YOU HAVING? YOU MUST KNOW BY NOW!

SOMETHING HEALTHY-- I'VE HAD THE TESTS WE HAVE! BUT VIZH AND I ASKED DR. STRANGE NOT TO TELL US THE SEX-- WE WANT TO BE SURPRISED!

DO YOU HAVE NAMES PICKED OUT!

WE'RE TRYING!



UNFORTUNATELY, THE MAN WHO BUILT VIZH WAS NAMED PHINEAS, AND THE MAN WHO Sired THE HUMANITY IN HIM WAS SANFORD!

HIS MOTHER IS MARTHA, AND MINE WAS MAGDA-- THOSE ARE OKAY, BUT A LITTLE OUT OF STYLE--

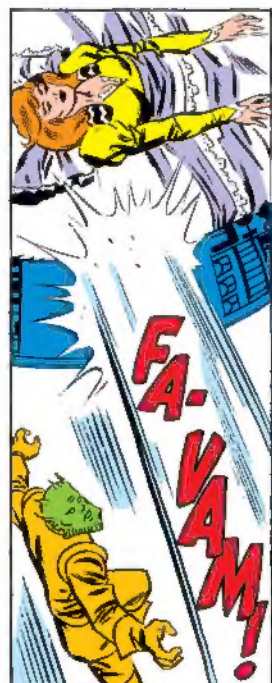
--AND MY MENTOR IN WITCHCRAFT WAS AGATHA! SO YOU SEE, WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TRADITION TO FALL BACK ON!



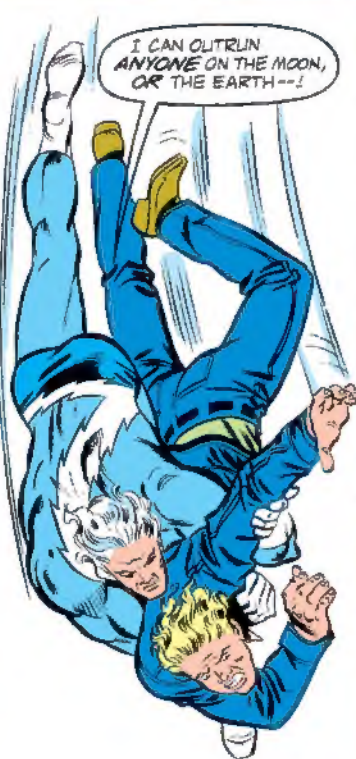
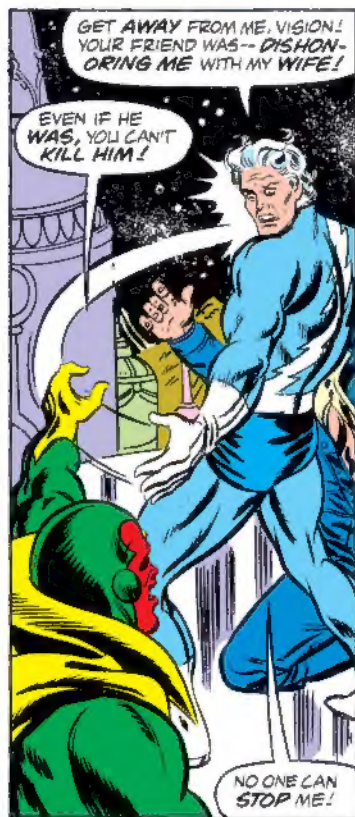
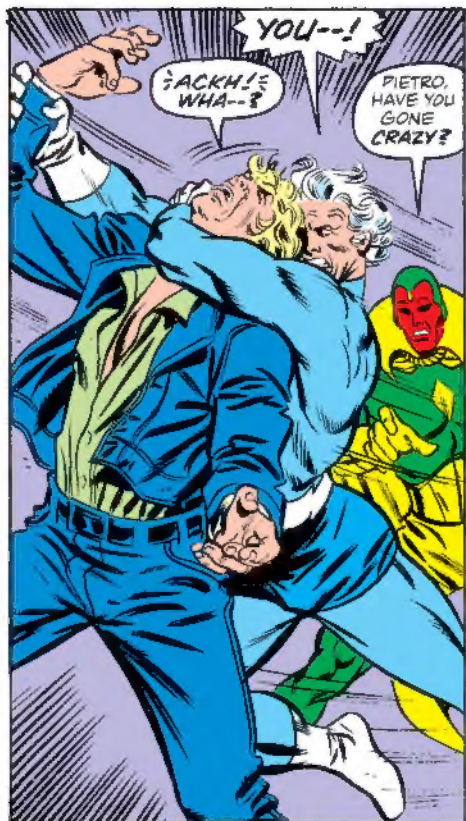
RIGHT NOW, WE'RE LEANING TOWARD LAUREN IF IT'S A GIRL, AND ALEXANDER IF IT'S A BOY-- SOMETHING THAT'LL STAND ON ITS OWN, SINCE VIZH AND I HAVE NO LAST NAME--

--BUT THOSE WILL PROBABLY CHANGE BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK OF MAY! THEY'VE CHANGED A HUNDRED TIMES ALREADY!

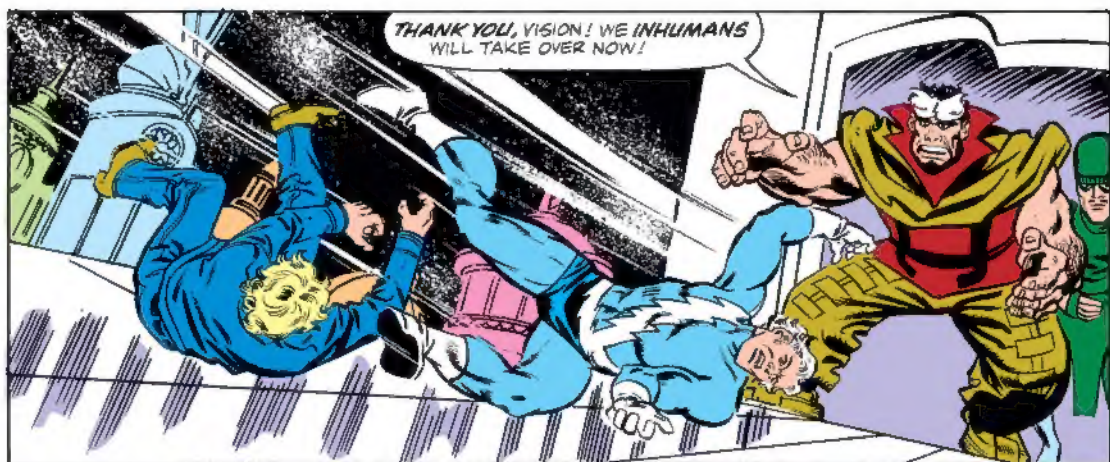




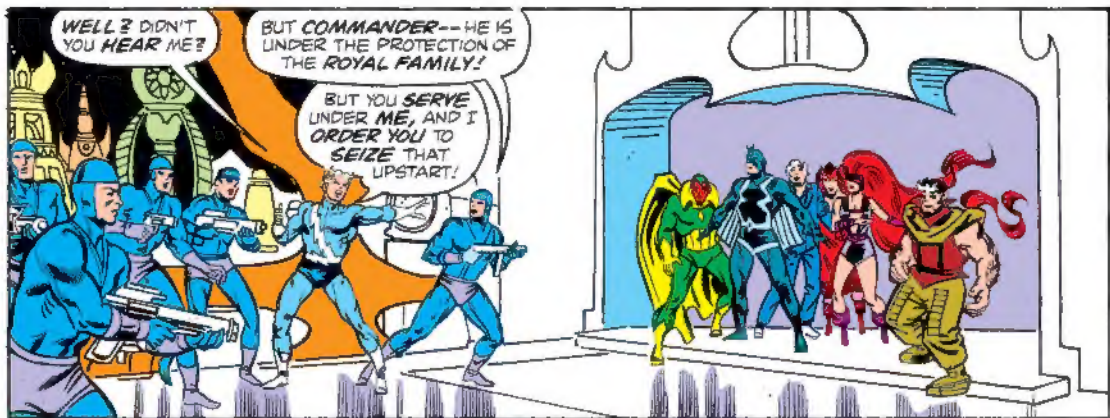




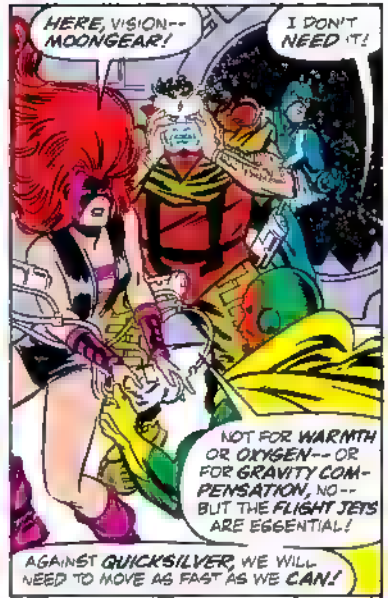
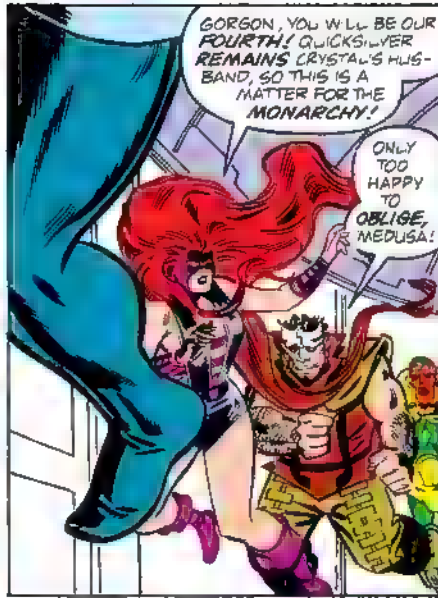














NOW, NORM-- SUPPOSE YOU TELL ME WHAT MY BROTHER WAS TALKING ABOUT--!



IT'S TRUE-- I MET CRYSTAL AT YOUR THANKSGIVING PARTY, AND IT WAS-- JUST-- LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT!



\*DID YOU-- IN VISION! WITCH#6?

I SPENT THE WHOLE EVENING TALKING TO HER! YOU MEAN NOBODY NOTICED?\*

SHE DIDN'T FEEL THE SAME-- IT WAS JUST A FLING TO HER! BUT I--

--WELL, I HAD HOPES I'D MAKE HER FEEL SOMETHING MORE!



BUT, NORM-- DIDN'T YOU WORRY ABOUT BREAKING UP A MARRIAGE?

SURE I DID! I SAID WE OUGHT TO TELL HER HUSBAND, BUT LIKE I SAID, IT WASN'T PERMANENT TO HER YET!



SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE SCANDAL!

YOU'RE SAYING THAT SHE WAS A WILLING PARTICIPANT?



WILLING--?

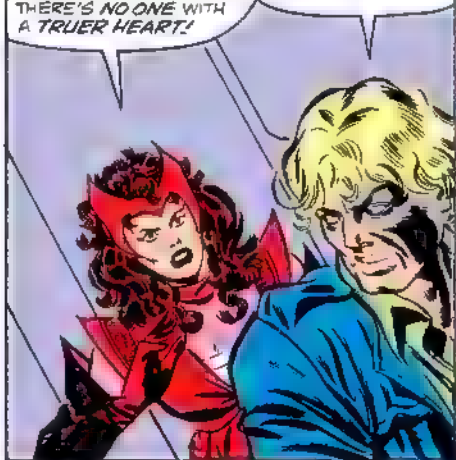
SHE SAID PIETRO BORED HER TO TEARS! HE SPENT ALL HIS TIME WITH THE MILITIA, AND NONE WITH HER AND THEIR DAUGHTER!

SHE'S A YOUNG WOMAN, WANDA! SHE'S NOT READY TO GROW OLD ALONE!



PIETRO HAS ALWAYS BEEN SELF-ABSORBED! SHE KNEW THAT WHEN SHE MARRIED HIM! BUT THERE'S NO ONE WITH A TRUER HEART!

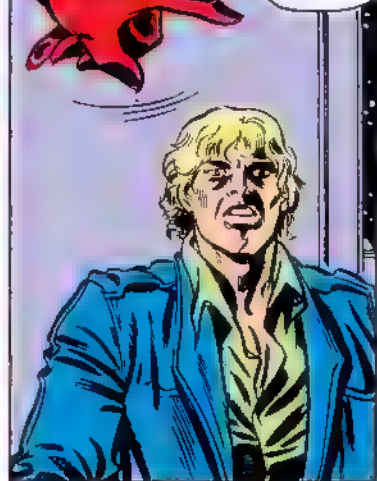
MAYBE SO! AND I'M NOT MAKING EXCUSES FOR DECEIVING YOU...



..BUT YOU LIKE YOUR BROTHER BETTER THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE DO!



GET OUT OF HERE, NORM!

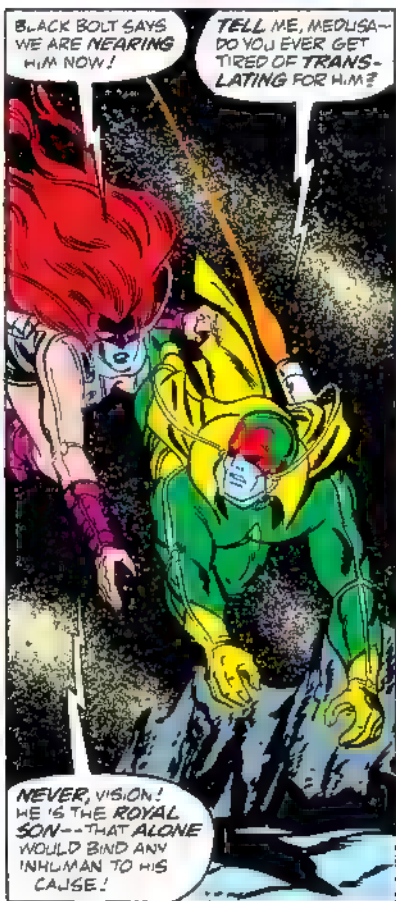






HE'S RUNNING IN A STRAIGHT LINE-- RIGHT DOWN CRATERS AND UP PEAKS!

BLACK BOLT'S ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY FIELD CAN SENSE THE HEAT RESIDUE WHEREVER HE TOUCHED THE GROUND!



BLACK BOLT SAYS WE ARE NEARING HIM NOW!

TELL ME, MEDUSA-- DO YOU EVER GET TIRED OF TRANSLATING FOR HIM?

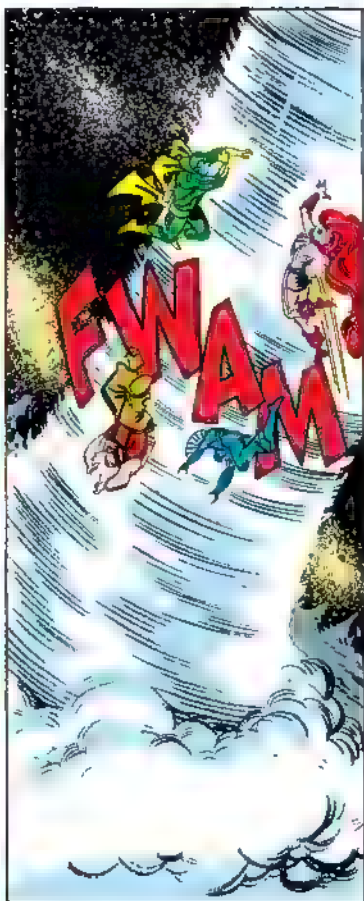
NEVER, VISION! HE IS THE ROYAL SON-- THAT ALONE WOULD BIND ANY INHUMAN TO HIS CAUSE!



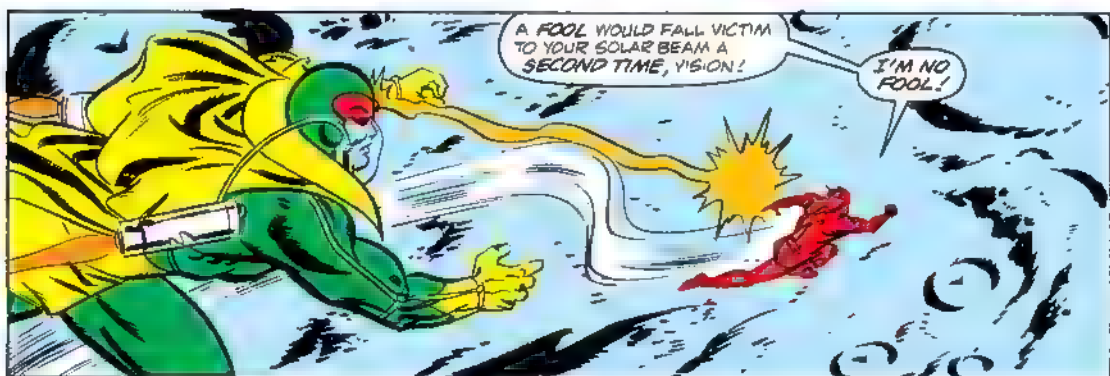
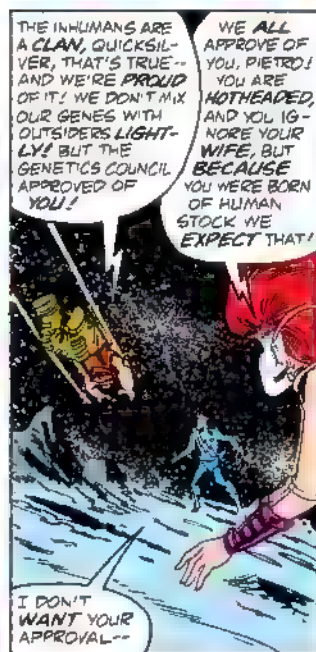
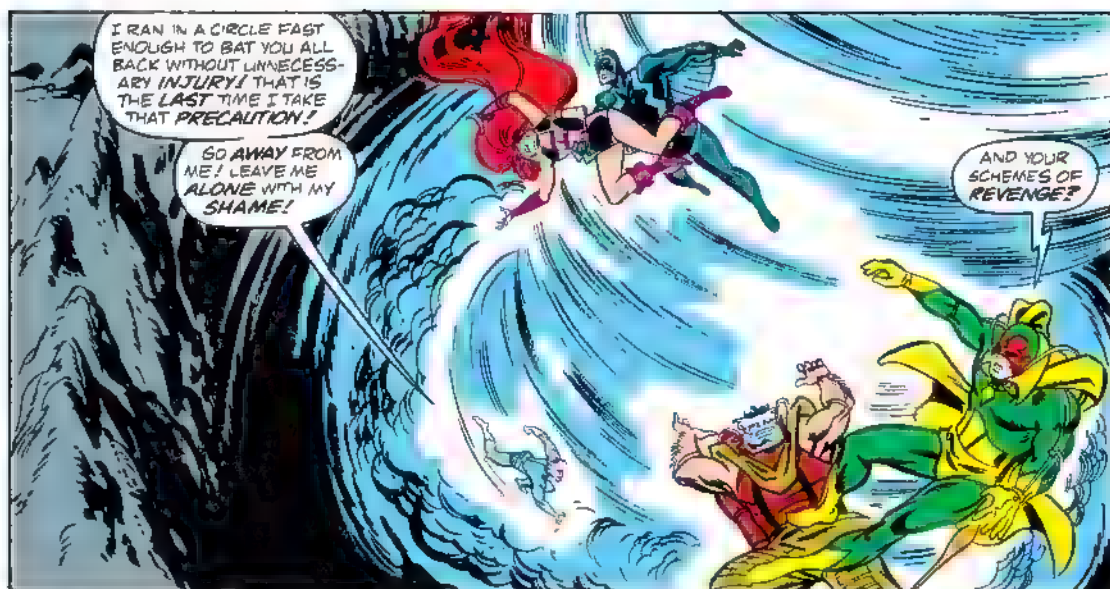
BUT THERE IS MORE FOR ME! YOU SEE HIM, I BELIEVE, AS A SILENT MONOLITH-- ALMOST AN OBSTACLE, A NON-PERSON IN THE MIDST OF OUR INCESSANT CHATTER!

BUT I KNOW THE MAN-- THE ROYAL MAN WHOSE DEVASTATING POWER FORCES HIM TO LIVE IN SELF-CONTAINED SILENCE!

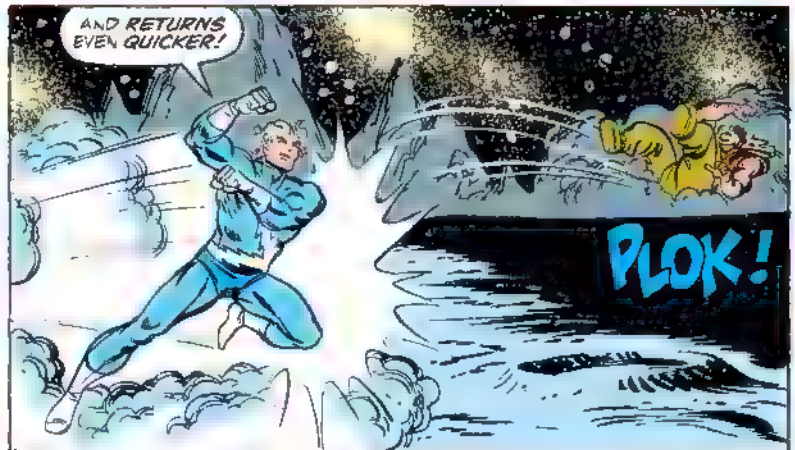
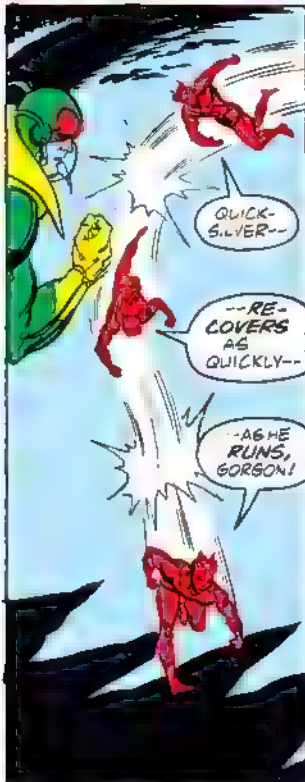
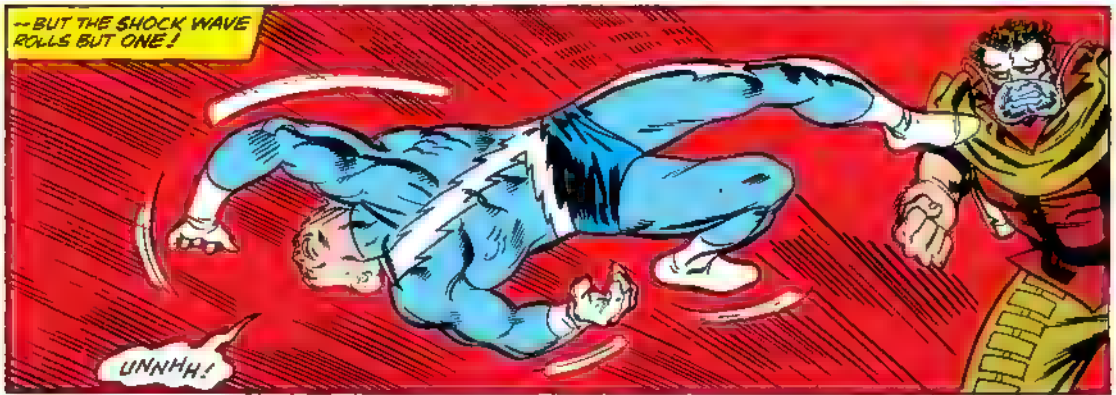
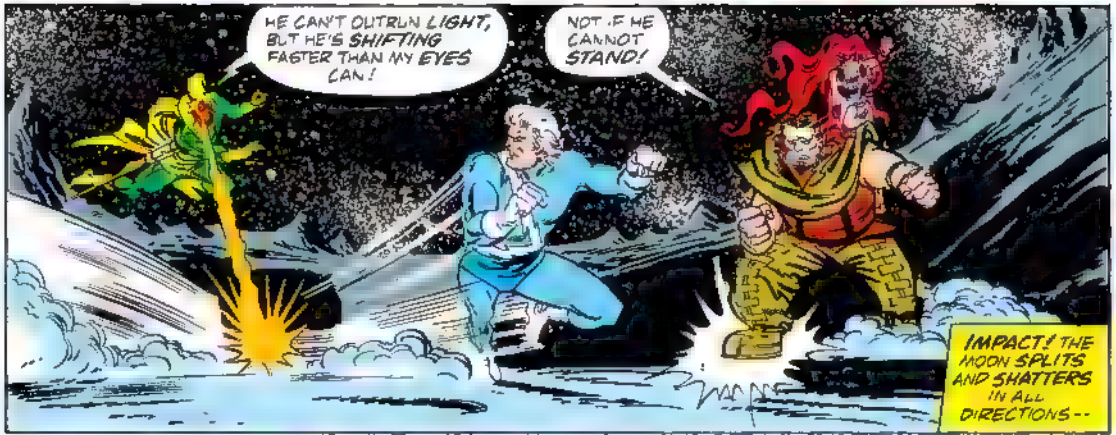
I KNOW A GREAT MAN-- AND I'M THE ONLY ONE!



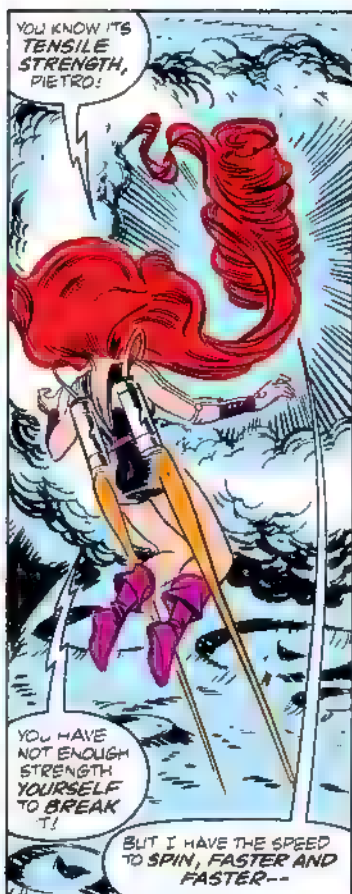




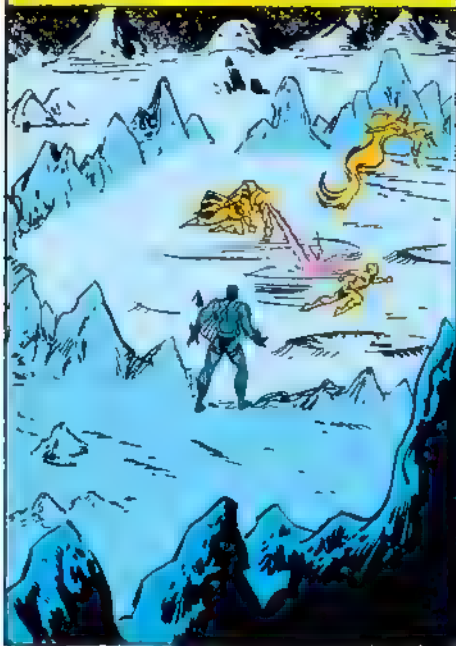








FROM THE RIM OF THE CRATER, BLACK BOLT HAS WATCHED IT ALL WITH REPRESSED DYSPHORIA! GREAT IS HIS MUTANT POWER-- TERRIBLE THE CONSEQUENCES OF MISUSE--

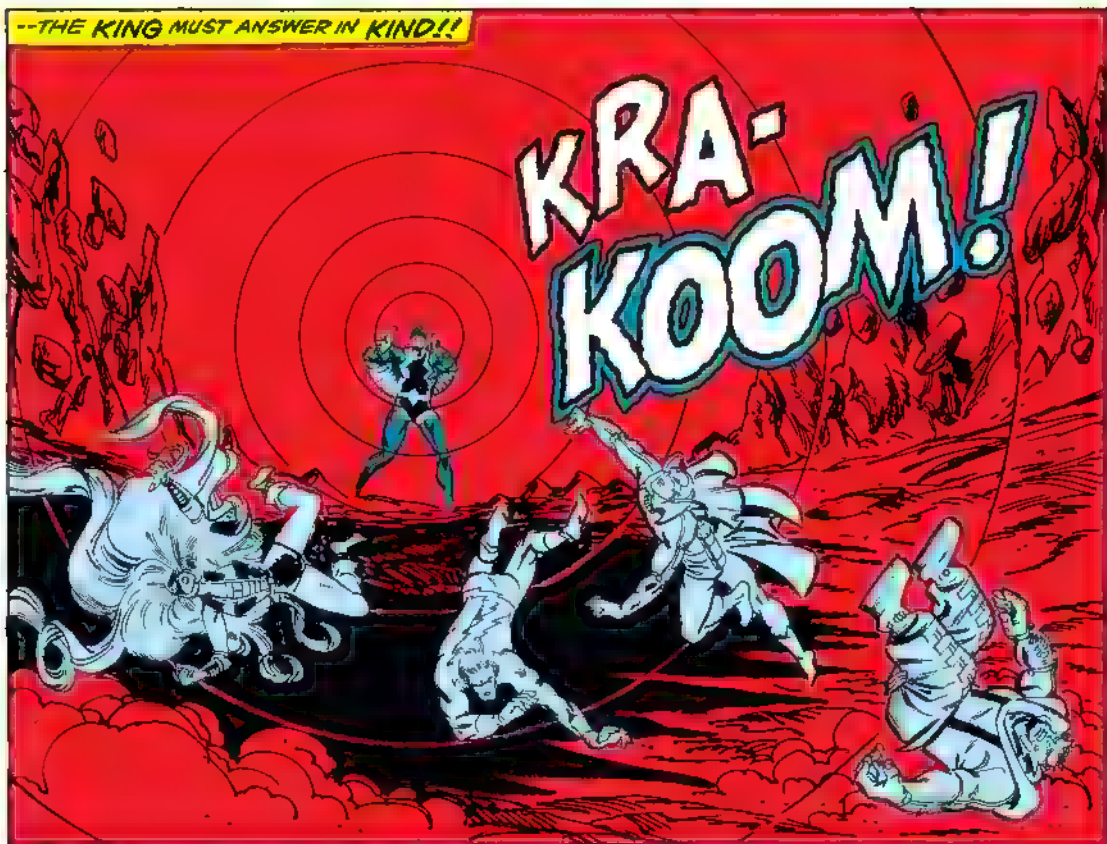


--BUT WHEN HIS WIFE CRIES OUT IN PAIN--

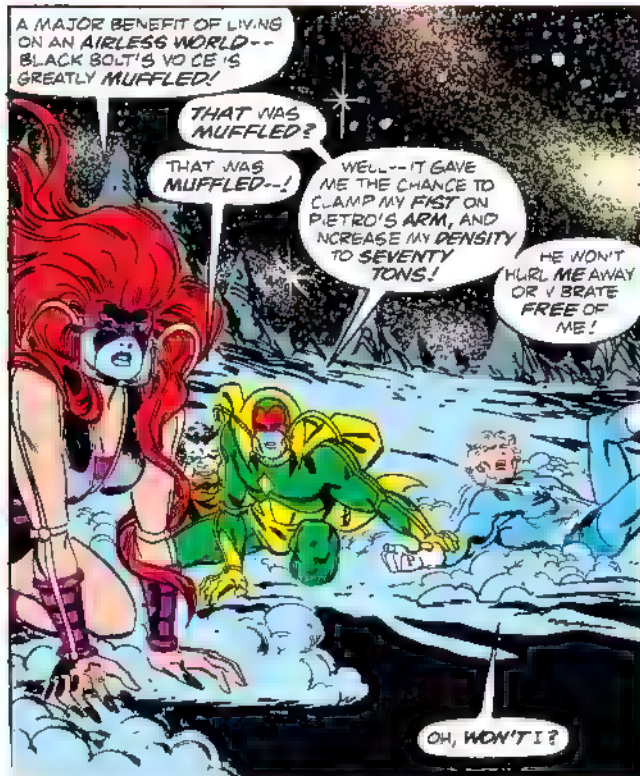




--THE KING MUST ANSWER IN KIND!!



A MAJOR BENEFIT OF LIVING  
ON AN AIRLESS WORLD---  
BLACK BOLT'S VOICE IS  
GREATLY MUFFLED!



THAT WAS  
MUFFLED?

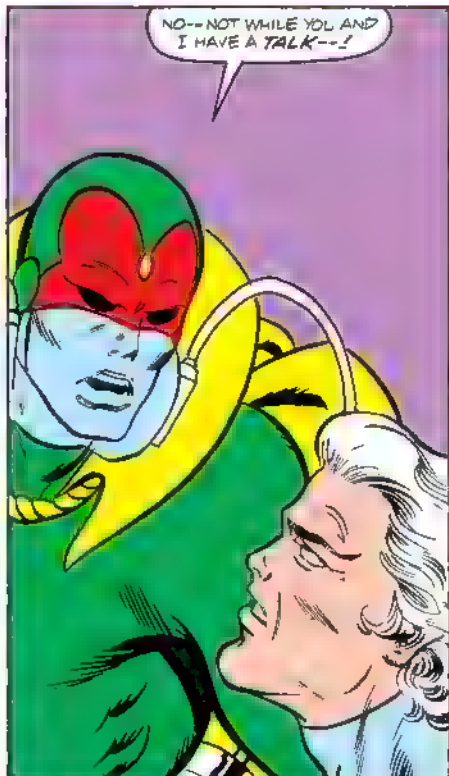
THAT WAS  
MUFFLED--!

WELL--IT GAVE  
ME THE CHANCE TO  
CLAMP MY FIST ON  
PIETRO'S ARM, AND  
INCREASE MY DENSITY  
TO SEVENTY  
TONS!

HE WON'T  
HURL ME AWAY  
OR Y BRATE  
FREE OF  
ME!

OH, WON'T I?

NO-- NOT WHILE YOL AND  
I HAVE A TALK--!





CUIDADOR, I WANT TO TRY TO REACH CRYSTAL'S SPIRIT-- THROUGH THE SPIRIT REALM!

WE HAVE ATTEMPTED THAT ALREADY, SCARLET WITCH! THERE IS A TELEPATH, AN EMPATH AND A MEDIUM AMONG THE INHUMANS!

I ASSURE YOU EVERY POWER WE POSSESS HAS BEEN TURNED TO THIS PROBLEM!

AND I BELIEVE YOU, BUT EVEN THE INHUMANS HAVE NEVER PRODUCED A WITCH!

I HAVE AN AFFINITY FOR NATURAL ELEMENTS --SO DOES SHE! I HOPE THERE'S ENOUGH CONTACT THERE FOR ME TO FIND HER AND BRING HER BACK!

I HAVE TO BRING HER BACK--FOR MY BROTHER'S SAKE!

SO--I HAVE LITTLE FAITH IN SO-CALLED "MAGIC," I'M AFRAID! BUT YOUR EFFORTS SHOULDN'T HURT MY PATIENT!

I'M LESS CERTAIN ABOUT YOU, HOWEVER-- YOU KNOW HOW LITTLE I KNOW ABOUT YOUR STATE!

IT'S VERY UNLIKELY THE BABY WOULD COME THIS EARLY-- BUT DO KEEP AN EYE ON BOTH OF US, IF YOU WILL!

THE LAST TIME I ATTEMPTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS, I WAS REACHING FOR AGATHA HARKNESS, AND NEARLY DIED -- BECAUSE I WAS CARELESS!\*

YOU REMEMBER, DON'T YOU, BABY?

\*VISION! WITCH #5.

I SWORE THEN TO RE-COUP MY FULL POTENTIAL, AND YOUR DADDY'S AND MY ADVENTURES SINCE THEN HAVE GIVEN ME FULL OPPORTUNITY!

SO, LITTLE BOY OR GIRL-- IF YOU'LL STOP SQUIRMING IN THERE, WE'LL GO FIND ANOTHER OF MOMMY'S FRIENDS!

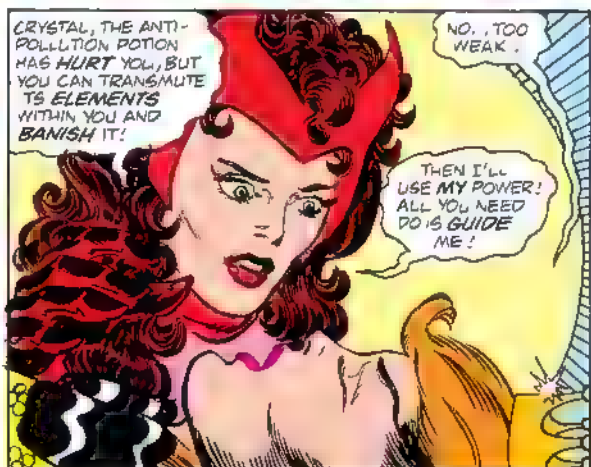
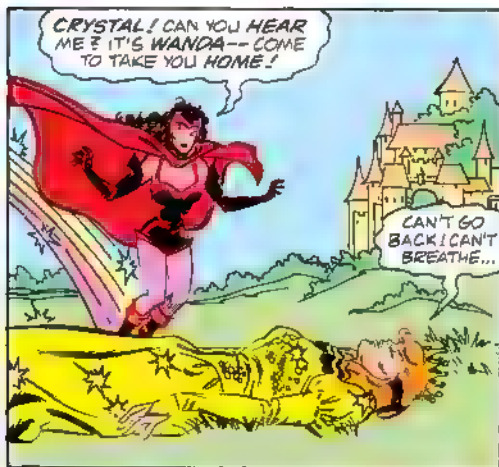
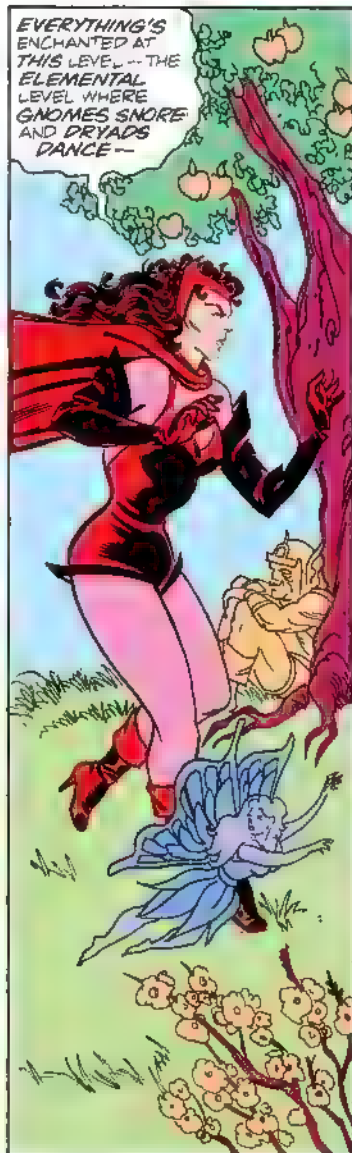
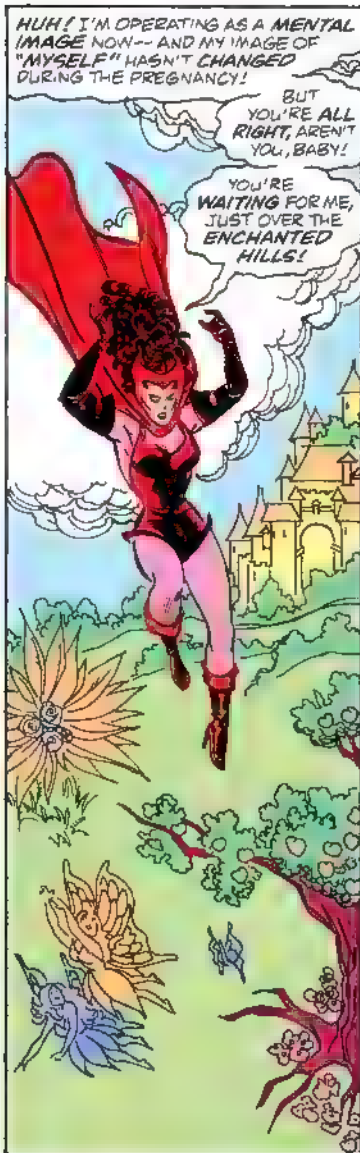
CONTROLLED INSTINCTIVELY, THE WAY SHE LEARNED GROWING UP, THE POWERS OF THE SCARLET WITCH BURST FORTH AS RAW SPHERES OF PROBABILITY ALTERATION!

BUT CONTROLLED CONSCIOUSLY, AS THE WITCH OF WHISPER HILL TAUGHT HER--

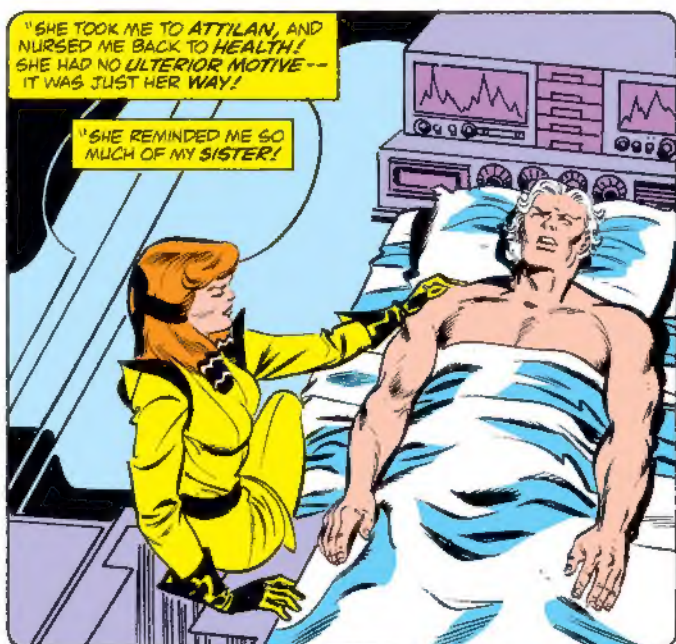
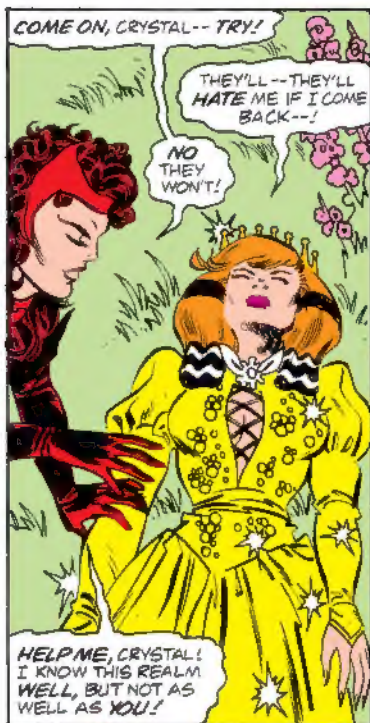
--HER POWERS ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH THE NATURAL FORCES KNOWN TO 'MAGIC' SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME!

AND SHE OPENS THE ABYSS BETWEEN WORLDS!



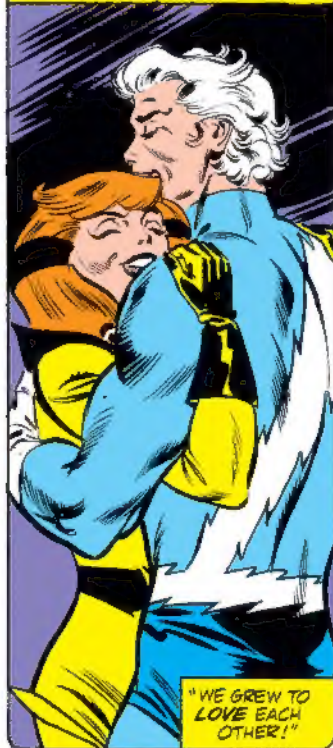








"I'D NEVER SPENT SO MUCH TIME WITH ANOTHER WOMAN--NEVER HAD ONE INTERESTED IN ME!"



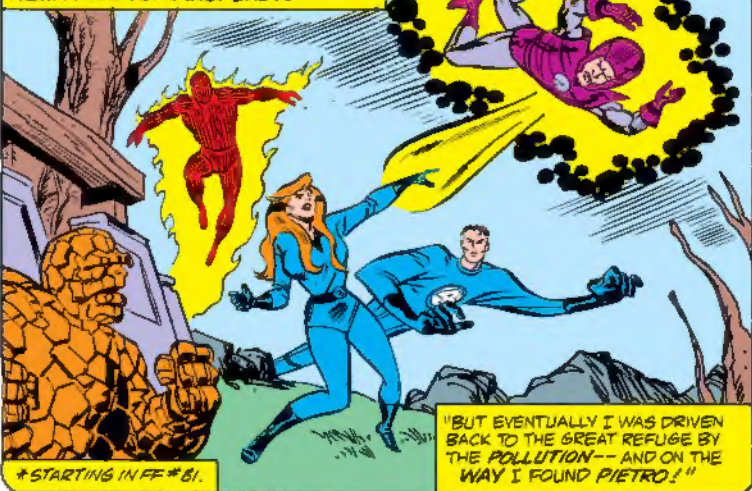
"WE GREW TO LOVE EACH OTHER!"

"I'D GROWN TO LOVE THE OUTER WORLD! MY FIRST BOYFRIEND WAS THE HUMAN TORCH--!"



GOOD! SHE'S BEGINNING TO WORK WITH ME!

"I'D FOUGHT BESIDE THE FANTASTIC FOUR WHILE SUE RICHARDS RECOVERED FROM HAVING HER FIRST BABY!"

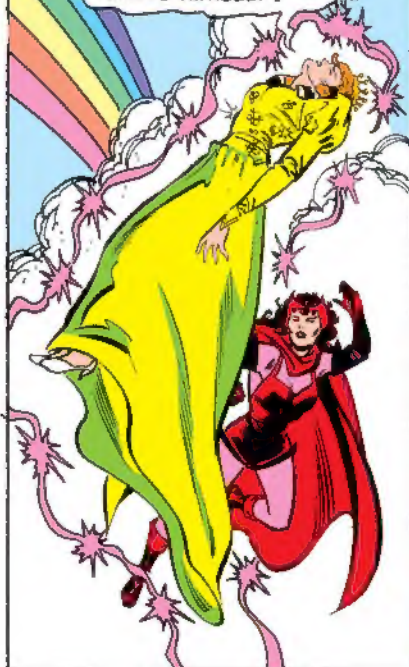


\*STARTING IN FF #81.

"BUT EVENTUALLY I WAS DRIVEN BACK TO THE GREAT REFUGE BY THE POLLUTION-- AND ON THE WAY I FOUND PIETRO!"

I THOUGHT HIM GENTLE--BUT HE WAS ONLY WEAKENED!

I THOUGHT HIM A LINK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD-- BUT HE PROVED TO LIVE ENTIRELY INSIDE HIMSELF!



SHE WOULDN'T ALLOW ME TIME FOR MY PRIVATE INTERESTS, AS WANDA ALWAYS HAD! CRYSTAL ALWAYS WANTED US TO BE WITH OTHER PEOPLE!

PIETRO, WHENEVER YOU PUT TWO INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER, THERE ARE BOUND TO BE CONFLICTS! YOU FOUGHT WITH WANDA OVER ME!



DON'T REMIND ME OF THAT!

I'M ONLY SAYING--YOU AND CRYSTAL HAVE GOTTEN ONTO TWO DIFFERENT TRACKS, AND YOU'VE HURT EACH OTHER BECAUSE OF IT--

I HAVEN'T HURT HER! SHE'S HURT ME!

WELL, THE QUESTION NOW IS-- DO YOU WANT TO PUT IT ALL BEHIND YOU AND COME BACK TOGETHER?





